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1. The Oder River bridge on the eastern border of Schwedt (N 54/C 31) has not been rebuilt. There are no indications that it is going to be reconstructed. A ferry runs to the other bank of the river. Border control is very strict. Border crossing with a frontier certificate issued by local authorities, the "Kleine Grenzverkehr", is prohibited. *

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- * Comment. The bridge is on Reichsstrasse (National Highway) No. 166. It was demolished by the Germans near the end of the war. The steel bridge was 190 meters long, and 8 meters wide. The clearance over the river was 7.5 meters at mean water level. The structures of spans 2 and 3 on the German side of the river are destroyed. Bridge debris was cleared from the navigable channel of the river. The change in the traffic situation brought about by Polish occupation of German territory makes it improbable that the bridge will be rebuilt in the foreseeable future.

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